

St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church, Rectory
Cambria City Neighborhood
916 Broad Street
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Location: 916 Broad Street, Cambria City, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Handsome brick two-story Queen Anne-style house, with hipped roof and front and cross gables. The house measures 45' x 53'. There is a canted bay on the east facade. The principal facade is three-bay. The central entrance has a wood porch canopy below a narrow round-arched window, with stone voussoirs, in the same style as in the old church building on Chestnut Street. Above this window is a dormer window. Also on the front is a two-story projecting bay, topped by a narrow cross gable, the front of which is decorated with asphalt shingle. The other bay is a two-story square projecting bay, with a gable front decorated with asphalt shingles.

History: This house was built in circa 1890, as a rectory for the newly formed Catholic parish of St. Columba's. The 1895 Sanborn Map shows it originally had a wooden front porch on the west half of the main facade. By 1913 the porch had been extended and ran halfway around the west side of the house. The porch was still existing in 1949. The house is still in use as the rectory of St. Columba's.

Sources:

"Cambria County Historic Sites Survey, Johnstown Inventory," Redevelopment Authority of Cambria County, 1981.

Sanborn Map Company, Johnstown, Pennsylvania (New York, The Sanborn Map Co., 1895, 1911, 1913, 1949).

Tax assessment card, assessment no. 86-07-211, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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